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GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE FRIDAYEVENING SEPTEMBER 27,:

1.

PRESIDENT FORD TODAY ASKED TWO HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE EXPERTS TO VISIT FLOOD-STRICKEN HONDURAS IN
ORDER TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE FIFI AND TO
REPORT DIRECTLY TO HIM ON CURRENT RELIEF EFFORTS AND FOOD
NEEDS.

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THE OFFICIALS ARE HERMAN KLEINE, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) FOR LATIN AMERICA, AND RUSSELL S. MCCLURE, FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR FOR AID. FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL SATURDAY IN THE CAPITAL CITY, TEGUCIGALPA, THEY WILL CONFER WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR PHILIP V. SANCHEZ AND AID MISSION DIRECTOR FRANK KIMBALL, WHO HAVE BEEN COORDINATING U.S. RELIEF EFFORTS THERE, AND WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS BEFORE VISITING AFFECTED AREAS.

AID'S FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF CENTER CONTINUES TO COORDINATE THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN HONDURAS AND OTHER AREAS IN CENTRAL AMERICA DAMAGED BY THE HURRICANE. TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN FLYING SUPPLIES AND RESCUE MISSIONS DAILY SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE AREA. THE TOTAL SUM SPENT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS EFFORT HAS NOW REACHED \$300,000, AND IT IS GROWING AS NEW SHIPMENTS OF FOOD AND MEDICINE ARE AIRLIFTED TO THE AREA.

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